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AN ACTUALLY LONDON TRIP PLAN

One day in London.

Timed, mapped and costed. Every stop is free to see; tickets are options, with their prices.

Day 1

Any day

Oxford Street to Westminster

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Which day of the week each day works on

- Day one: any day. The guard changes at Buckingham Palace at 11am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; inside the Abbey is closed to visitors on Sundays.

What to book, and when

Any time Westminster Abbey (£32), only if you want to go in.

Getting around

Tap the same contactless card or phone in and out on every tube and bus: the fare is capped each day, so you never need an Oyster card. River boats are paid on top of the cap. Each day has a walking route that opens in Google Maps; tap it on your phone in the morning.

Every stop in this plan is free to see. Where going inside costs money, we list it under “Tickets worth it?” with the price, and you choose.

ANY DAY

Oxford Street to Westminster

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The famous centre on foot: the shops and Soho, Covent Garden, Trafalgar Square and the royal half.

Start: Bond Street station, 10am

[Open the route in Google Maps](#)

10:00	Selfridges and Oxford Street A look and a coffee, east along Oxford Street to Oxford Circus.	About 12 minutes, then 3 to 5 down Regent Street
10:30	Regent Street, Carnaby Street and Liberty The curve of Regent Street, then Carnaby. Liberty is the Tudor building at the top, built in 1924 from the timbers of two old warships.	About 5 minutes
11:15	Soho Old Compton, Frith and Dean Streets. Bar Italia has been open since 1949; Ronnie Scott's is across the road.	About 10 minutes across Shaftesbury Avenue
11:45	Seven Dials and Neal's Yard Seven streets meeting at one sundial pillar, then the painted courtyard most people walk past.	About 5 minutes
12:15	Covent Garden The market hall and the street performers under the portico of St Paul's, the actors' church.	About 5 minutes
12:45	Goodwin's Court A gaslit alley of Georgian bow windows off St Martin's Lane.	About 5 minutes
13:00	Chinatown, lunch Under the gate and along Gerrard Street.	About 8 minutes through Leicester Square
14:15	Trafalgar Square Nelson's Column, the lions and the view down Whitehall to Big Ben. The National Gallery is free.	About 15 minutes along the Mall
14:45	Buckingham Palace Straight down the Mall to the Palace and the Victoria Memorial.	About 5 minutes
15:30	St James's Park and Horse Guards The Blue Bridge view over the lake, then through to Horse Guards Parade and the mounted sentries.	About 10 minutes down Whitehall, past Downing Street
16:00	Westminster Abbey, Parliament and Big Ben All on one square.	About 3 minutes
Dusk	Westminster Bridge	

Walk out and look back for the photograph of Big Ben, best as the lights come on.

Tickets worth it?

Westminster Abbey, inside £32

Worth it if you want the coronation church and Poets' Corner; about an hour and a quarter with the audio guide. Last entry 3.30pm on weekdays, closed to visitors on Sundays. Everything else today is free.

Where to eat

Chinatown

Four Seasons on Gerrard Street for roast duck, or Dumplings' Legend a few doors along for dim sum. About £15 to £25 each.

Seven Dials Market

The covered food hall off Earlham Street: many stalls, one table. About £12 to £20 each.

The evening

Soho for a drink, or a show: West End theatres sell day seats and returns at the box office on the morning of the performance.

If it rains

The National Gallery for longer, then Covent Garden's market hall and Liberty, which are both covered.

What the day costs

£45 to £80 for two Travel and food, before any tickets.

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

One person on WhatsApp.

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